

salmon, pink shrimp, herring, groundfish, halibut, blackcod, swordfish/shark, Dungeness crab, sea cucumber, sea urchin and abalone) to register their limited access permit in a line registry and pay a fee every time they transfer it. This provision, slipped in the Senate bill as an apparent favor to Seattle bankers, was not discussed with fishermen here on the west coast and, frankly, does not belong in a statute governing the conservation and management of fish stocks. Just who is the Senate concerned with here, the fish and the fishing fleet, or the bankers?

S. 39 allows the Secretary to impose limited access plans, including ITQs, on any fishery that is not under regional fishery management council jurisdiction. As mentioned, most of our fisheries here on the west coast are under limited access management, mostly under state-developed programs. Moreover, most of the state programs are working well and, in the case of California, most were industry-developed. As we read the Senate language, the Secretary could impose his/her own will over state fisheries under S. 39.

S. 39 perverts the fishing community language, which in the House bill gives consideration of local, community-based fleets, by including the home ports of the distant water, corporately-held, factory trawlers under the definition of "community-based fleets." About the only thing the Senate version did not do was define the corporate headquarters for these fleets as a "fishing community" and that's probably only because Arkansas is land-locked.

S. 39's language on bycatch is much weaker than your House version and actually makes reducing mortality of bycatch co-equal with avoiding or reducing bycatch. The Senate bill also exempts the East Coast large pelagic fishery from the bycatch provision of the bill. The shark bycatch in the East Coast fishery is giving the whole of the commercial fishing industry a black eye. We have dealt with shark and shark bycatch issues here on the west coast (through state regulation) in an effort to ensure the resource was protected and the fishery is sustainable; surely it's not too much to ask that bycatch requirements be put in place for the Atlantic.

S. 39, moreover, fails to address the issue of windfall profits from ITQs. The problem of profiteering on permits has to be addressed, first to dissuade non-fishing speculators from seeking or gaining quota shares; second to assure quota shares are affordable for fishermen/women seeking to enter a fishery (by preventing windfall profits and restricting quota sales to those directly engaged in the harvest of fish—not bankers or processors); and third to assure the public a fair return on this publicly-held resource.

The House is to be commended for its bipartisan effort in developing H.R. 39, which is a very good bill. The only reason we had for pressing a Senate bill was to get in the Dungeness crab language, offered by Senator Widen, and get the two bills into conference with the idea of getting a measure out this year. If the choice now, however, is between the Senate version and no bill at all, PCFFA recommends waiting until next year.

Thank you for all your efforts this year on Magnuson and please convey to your colleagues our dissatisfaction with S. 39.

Sincerely,

W.F. "ZEKE" GRADER, Jr.,

Executive Director.

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR REVEREND DR. WARREN W. OST

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 1996

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the Reverend Dr. Warren W. Ost. Reverend Ost is the founder and director of a Christian Ministry in the National Parks. For the past 45 years, Reverend Ost and his wife, Nancy Nesbitt Ost, have dedicated their lives to developing and maintaining this independent, interdenominational movement dedicated to serving the spiritual needs of visitors and staff in our Nation's treasurers, our national parks.

A Christian Ministry in the National Parks was born in Yellowstone National Park where Reverend Ost spent four summers working as a bellman and organizing programs for other seasonal employees. From these summer experiences and the faith and dedication of one man, a program was born that now spans the breadth of our country and touches the lives of millions of Americans each year. The program in Yellowstone National Park, with the cooperation of the National Council of Churches, spread and developed into a Christian Ministry in the National Parks. In 1971, through a reorganization of the National Council of Churches, a Christian Ministry in the National Parks became a separate movement.

A Christian Ministry in the National Parks is the oldest and largest ecumenical movement training church leaders in environmental education. The purpose of the program is to cultivate a Christian community of workers at work and worship, together with our park visitors, in our national parks. Each year a Christian ministry in the national parks places over 300 seminarian interns in our national parks. Following the model of the worker-priest, each participant involved with the program has a regular secular job with the service establishments in the park.

From its very beginnings, the program has been a model of church and State separation. Students ministering in the program hold private sector jobs, the program is underwritten solely with private donations, and participants receive only those privileges granted to bonafide religious groups sending representatives onto Federal lands. Yet, this dedicated staff holds open the door to staff and tourists alike for Sunday worship that would not otherwise be readily available.

Reverend Ost likes to talk in terms of living above the store. Literally and figuratively, Warren and Nancy live above the store. A Christian ministry in the national parks has been run since the beginning by a small, dedicated staff working from a small townhouse in New York City. Warren and Nancy live next door. For nearly half a century, Reverend Ost has led this dynamic program, not merely by overseeing its activities, but by actively participating in every facet of the movement. A Christian Ministry in the National Parks has been Warren and Nancy's life work and faith, and they live their faith each and every day. In quiet and often unnoticed ways, they have touched the lives of millions, crossing denominational lines and demonstrating God's love through their actions and relationships.

As Warren and Nancy retire, we offer them our heartfelt gratitude and respect. Their faith

and commitment have remained steadfast in the face of all obstacles. They have faced each day with optimism and belief of purpose. They have truly been good and faithful servants.

A Christian Ministry in the National Parks will continue to touch lives for generations to come and we know Warren and Nancy will remain active participants in this and other Christian ministries. We wish them all the best and again offer our heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

LT. COL. MIKE WAITE VALUABLE DEFENSE AIDE

HON. G.V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 1996

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a truly outstanding Army National Guard officer, Lt. Col. Mike Waite of Missouri.

Since March of this year, Colonel Waite has been detailed to my office to serve as my Defense legislative assistant. He has proved to be an invaluable asset to me and of tremendous help in my efforts to formulate my annual Guard/Reserve procurement package. Thanks to his vast knowledge of the Reserve components, Mike provided very sound advice on the needs of the National Guard and reserves to insure that these components received adequate funding in order to be full partners in the total force.

In addition to his work on the procurement package, Colonel Waite took a personal interest in several personnel issues which are very important to maintaining morale among the Reserve components and thus the all important readiness of these units.

Before coming to my staff, Mike was assigned to the National Guard Bureau in the Legislative Liaison Directorate. The expertise and knowledge he gained in this assignment was quite beneficial to me because of his complete understanding of the issues and his ability to put my goals into legislative language.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Lt. Col. Mike Waite the best in his future career with the National Guard and express my thanks to him for job well done during the second session of the 104th Congress.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPHINE NIEVES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, triumph over adversity and beating the odds are success stories that need to be heralded. I am pleased to highlight the achievements of Josephine Nieves, MSW, Ph.D., the first Latina to head the National Association of Social Workers [NASW]. As a trained social worker, I have a personal affinity for the very important work that social workers perform.

As the head of a 155,000 member association, Dr. Nieves brings more than 30 years experience to the job. Most recently, she was a